

NEXT YEAR AT TOPEKA

Masons Select State Capital
for Forty-Eighth Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bester Brown Advanced to
Grand Mastership.

Grand Master—Bester G. Brown of Topeka.
Deputy Grand Master—Thomas G. Fitch of Wichita.
Grand Senior Warden—Judge Samuel R. Peters of Newton.
Grand Junior Warden—Thomas L. Bond of Salina.
Grand Treasurer—Albert Sarbach of Holton.
Grand Secretary—Albert K. Wilson of Topeka.
Custodian—George M. Dixon of Burlington.

The above officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas were elected yesterday. The following were appointed by the new Grand Master last night:

Grand Chaplain—Rev. Albert Watkins of Sterling.
Grand Senior Deacon—Edward Wellington of Ellsworth.
Grand Junior Deacon—Frank S. Vedder of St. John.
Grand Marshal—E. E. Bleckley of Wichita.

Grand Sword Bearer—Harvey C. Livermore of Olathe.
Grand Senior Steward—John W. Neilson of Concordia.
Grand Junior Steward—Charles A. Louch of Lakin.

Grand Pursuivant—Charles C. Ecks of Peabody.
Grand Tyler—Spencer P. Waite of Topeka.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas in its 47th annual session here during the past two days, adjourned a very successful and satisfactory meeting last night and the clerks at the hotels were busy until nearly 11 o'clock receiving money from departing delegates.

The most important business transacted yesterday was the election of officers and the selection of the place for the next Grand Lodge meeting, which goes to Topeka.

The grand master next year, unless custom is abandoned, will be a Wichita man, Colonel Thomas G. Fitch, who was put in line for this year by being elevated to the position of deputy grand master. Mr. Elmer E. Bleckley, another Wichita man, is in line for coming Masonic honors by being elected grand marshal.

The most interesting feature of yesterday's open session of the Grand Lodge was the entrance of eighteen children from the Masonic Home in this city, who took the Auditorium by a storm of applause. The eighteen children rendered the following program with Mrs. Alice N. Roberts pianist:

Song of welcome.....The Children
Recitation.....The Eastern Star
Nellie Ezell (aged 6.)
Solo.....Hello, Central, Give Me Heaven
Earl Pittenger (aged 7.)
Recitation.....Do We Meet on the Level?
Charles Friel (aged 10.)
Song.....Freedom's Glorious Song
The Children.
Recitation.....Ten Little Lodgemen
Harry Beven (aged 12.)
Solo.....Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder
The Children.
The Old Masonic Home.....
The Children.
(The words of this song were composed by one of the Home boys, Morris Gordon, aged 13 years.)
Solo.....Suwanee River
Earl Pittenger.

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Cures obstinate sores, chapped hands, eczema, skin diseases. Makes burns and scalds heal. We could not improve the quality if paid double the price. The best salve that experience can produce or that money can buy.

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DeWitt's is the original and only pure and genuine Witch Hazel Salve made. Look for the name DeWitt on every box. All others are counterfeit. PREPARED BY

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GUS SAUR—G. VAN WERDEN

ing showing the hearty appreciation of the efforts of the children.

This program touched the heart of every Mason present and they fully realized what the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man meant when they looked upon their orphan children, knowing full well that they were fulfilling the law, that the care of the orphan had not been in vain. Their hearts overflowed with joy while tears filled their eyes as little Earl Pittenger sang "Hello, Central, Give Me Heaven, for My Mamma's There."

The superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Smelden, were highly complimented for their management and a rising vote of thanks was extended. As the children left the hall three hearty cheers were given for the Kansas Masonic Grand Lodge.

A good word for Wichita as a grand lodge town was in the mouth of the delegates, and all were impressed with the hospitality of the city and the cleverness of its Masonic citizens, who left nothing undone to make the visit of the individual Masons as pleasant as possible.

GRAND LODGE NOTES.

One of the visitors to the grand lodge meeting was Mr. Sam Forsha of Castleton, Reno county, one of the eighteen Republican candidates for congress in the Seventh district. Mr. Forsha has every claim to be a congressman. He is a well met fellow, always in good humor and a mixer of the highest order. Mr. Forsha spent an hour in the Eagle office which was pleasant to its occupants, and met many of the prominent citizens of the town, adding to his already large list of friends in Wichita.

Henry Block of Syracuse was attending the grand lodge and returned home last night. Henry Block spoke favorably of Mr. John Hall, who is the candidate of Hamilton county for congress. While Mr. Block is a member of the Democratic state central committee, he is not narrow and referred to Mr. Hall in terms very complimentary to that gentleman, who, it seems, has the support of all his neighbors in the nomination without regard to party.

Clem Sprague of Wellington attended the grand lodge, as he always does. Clem is related to pretty nearly everybody on all sides of the senatorial fight in Delaware and takes a keen interest in its developments. Two of his cousins are Judge Sprague, speaker of the senate, and the publicly well known Anthony Higgins.

Orie Morse, state railroad commissioner, attended the grand lodge. Orie is in trouble. So many of his friends are running for congress in the Big Seventh that he can't be for all of them, and he hates it.

The selection of Judge S. R. Peters of Hymel for grand senior warden was especially pleasing to the Masons and he was congratulated heartily. This places him within one remove of the grand mastership. Judge Peters has been a Mason since he was a young man and Mrs. Peters takes a keen interest in Eastern Star doings.

No failures with Holland Quick Yeast.

IS DYING IN HOSPITAL.

Jack Bell's Relatives Can Not Be Found.

A man named Jack Bell is dying in the St. Francis hospital. He was sent there last week by the poor commission and has received the best of attention from the county physician, but yesterday it was announced that he could not possibly live more than a few days. This man is a stranger in Wichita and has no friends or relatives that the authorities are able to locate. Mr. Bell said that he had a brother living in Chicago, but a letter to that point brought no reply. He also claimed that he had a sister-in-law in this city and a sister in Oklahoma, but the officers have been unable to locate either.

Without friends, relatives or money Jack Bell presents a very sorrowful appearance in the hospital. He is very sick and very weak and his death is only a question of a few days. He constantly asks for some of his relatives. He wants to see and talk to them, and wants comfort. He is so sick that he can hardly talk and his directions regarding his relatives are rather vague and would indicate that he had not communicated with them for some time.

MORE FINE WEATHER.

Snow and Ice Will Melt Rapidly Today.

The weather man has aroused the ire of every young man and woman in Wichita who wants to skate or go sleighing. He had a fine snowfall and the temperature got below zero, and here the weather man went directly to work and brought sunshine and a rising temperature. The young people would like to see him while the older folks are happy as they see the snow melting.

About everything is high in the country just now. Freight rates, coal in fact everything except the mercury. The barometer had to be spliced yesterday to keep the mercury from going over the top. The thermometer readings are all above 30 inches and 80 as high as 32.

The mercury in the barometers is so high that the attraction is pulling the mercury in the thermometers up the tube and it looks as if this would not stop until summer weather is noticed.

Today the sun will shine and the temperature will continue to rise, and the young people may just as well rub their feet and get their skates and sleds and the lively stables put their sleds in the hayloft, for the snow will all go today.

ARKANSAS CITY GAS WELL.

Machinery Is Now Being Put in Running Order.

The company which is to drill at Arkansas City for gas and oil are pushing the preparatory work as rapidly as possible. The Traveler says:

"A. W. Cole, treasurer of the Kansas Drilling company, which has the contract to do the drilling for the Arkansas City Natural Gas and Oil company, is in the city. A large part of the machinery that will be used in the drilling is also here and it is all of the latest pattern. The drilling company has its headquarters in Chanute, Kan. The Arkansas City company has decided to have the first well drilled upon the Hamilton place in the third ward, which is on South Third street and which is said to be one of the best locations to be found in the city."

"The derrick has arrived and the work of putting it in place will be commenced tomorrow morning. The drilling will be commenced as soon as the necessary tools arrive."

Amos McClain is confined to his home on Ellis avenue, by sickness.

MORE POWER FOR COMMISSIONERS

Bill Is Introduced to Have
Them Regulate Freight Rates.

WICHITA COMMERCIAL

Club Is Member of State
Association Backing It.

H. L. Resing, secretary of the Commercial club, and secretary of the State association, yesterday received some copies of the bill looking toward giving more power to the railroad commissioners. The State association was organized at Topeka some weeks ago with a view to having the legislature give the commissioners more power, and a special committee from this association is now working at Topeka to secure the passage of the bill.

The bill is known as senate bill No. 14, and was presented by Senator McMillan, of Franklin county. It was prepared by Mr. Resing and his assistants, and has met with much favor by the common sense and other members of the senate.

The bill provides for the conferring of ample power on the railroad commissioners that they can regulate the freight and passenger rates, and provides for the election of the commissioners by the people. The bill increases the power of the commission in their findings, evidence, conclusions and orders are to be taken as prima-facie evidence for their correctness, and provides that courts are to make a speedy review of the case and a summary enforcement of the rules is to be sustained by the courts.

The provisions of the bill are in strict accordance with the platform adopted by the Republican party during the conventions of the past two years. It has long been known that some law was needed that would secure a more equitable adjustment of freight rates in this state, and prevent the discriminations as they were shown during the meeting of the Interstate Commerce commission last September. The Interstate Commerce commission is also lacking in power to enforce their ruling, and it was believed that as far as local business was concerned state laws would be more effective.

The Commercial club of the state have taken the matter in hand and are working under the direct supervision of Mr. Resing, who was the first to announce the plan of organizing the clubs of the state into one strong organization. The law as presented is founded on the case laws of Texas, which state has a railroad commission with plenty of power to enforce all of its rulings, and the courts of that state have sustained every decision the commission made when evidence was introduced that proved conclusively that the rate fixed was just and reasonable.

CURES CATARRH.

"Hymel the Most Wonderful Cure for Catarrh Ever Discovered."

Says Mayor Yard.

Do not try to cure catarrh by taking drugs into the stomach; it cannot be cured in that manner. The only way in which this too common disease can be cured is through a direct application that will kill the bacilli of catarrh and prevent their growth.

Hymel is the only known method of treatment that accomplishes this. It is the simplest, most pleasant, and the only absolute cure for catarrh that has ever been discovered.

Thousands of unalloyed testimonials have been received from the most prominent men and women in the country who have been cured by this remarkable remedy. Ministers, bankers, lawyers, even eminent physicians have sent strong testimonials as to the remarkable powers of Hymel to cure catarrh.

Former Mayor Emory M. Yard, of Trenton, N. J., writes: "You have my permission to say that I believe 'Hymel' to be one of the most wonderful cures for catarrh and throat trouble that has ever been discovered. In my case the effect has been marvelous. I enclose you money order for two outfits for friends of mine to whom I have recommended 'Hymel' and who I am anxious shall have the benefit of this remarkable panacea."

The complete Hymel outfit costs but \$1.00, consisting of an inhaler, dropper and sufficient Hymel to last over a month. This will effect a cure in ordinary cases, but for chronic and deep seated cases of catarrh, longer use is necessary, and then extra bottles of Hymel (a month's treatment) can be obtained for fifty cents. It is not alone the best it might be called the only method of curing catarrh, but it is also the most economical.

The leading druggists have so much confidence in the power of Hymel to cure catarrh, that they will for a limited time, sell this medicine under this personal guarantee to refund the money if the purchaser can say that it did not help them.

CUDAHY PACKING PLANT.

Mr. James H. Stewart Objects to Making Absolute Transfer.

The following has been received from Mr. James H. Stewart, one of the trustees of the Cudahy packing plant:

To the Editor of the Eagle:
There is some talk that an effort will be made to have the trustees now holding the title to the Cudahy packing house execute and deliver a deed for the property to John Cudahy within the next few days, and the plant will then become his property entirely and completely and without any strings on it.

The original contract between L. S. Nafziger, Finlay Ross, C. H. Smythe, A. C. Jones and C. Q. Chandler as trustees and the Louisville Packing company provides among other things for the running of the plant as follows:

"It is further understood and agreed to by and between the parties hereto that in case the first party hereto, its successors or assigns, in addition to operating and maintaining said packing house as set out herein, shall at its own expense double the capacity of the said Louisville packing house plant for the handling of hogs thereat, by the erection of new buildings or additions to the buildings now existing, it being agreed that the present cold storage and curing capacity is 500 hogs per day, then if that case it is agreed that at the end of ten years from the date of this contract all rights or reversion under this contract shall cease and the entire plant become the property of the said first party absolutely, or if the said first party, its successors or assigns, shall properly operate and maintain said plant in accordance with the conditions hereinbefore set out without enlarging the plant as stated herein, for the period of fifteen years, then all rights of reversion under this contract shall cease and determine and the said property shall become the absolute property of the said first party hereto."

This contract was on behalf of the Louisville Packing company, guaranteed by John Cudahy.

It is now proposed to turn over the property to Mr. Cudahy and release the lien which the subscribers to the original fund have on the property by reason of the title being in the trustees. There has been considerable discussion aroused by reason of the circulation of a petition for the subscribers to the fund to sign authorizing and requesting the trustees to deed over the property.

It is talked that all the subscribers to the original fund must sign the petition or their subscription be paid back in cash before the trustees can make Mr. Cudahy a deed.

There are a considerable number of the subscribers who will not sign the petition, they believe that Mr. Cudahy should carry out his agreement and operate the house the ten or fifteen years before he gets his deed, as he agreed, of whom I am one.

I was one of the committee who went to Chicago and made the contract with Mr. Cudahy, and on our return no one thought that the city and the subscribers' interest was more fully safeguarded than they should be by the contract.

Mr. Cudahy has operated the plant about two years under his contract and I am of the opinion that the public interest is better served by the operation of the plant thirteen years more or double the capacity and operate it eight years more before he gets his deed.

J. H. STEWART.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

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There was considerable talk on the streets yesterday that the justices of the peace and constables now in office should hold over or successors be appointed, owing to the biennial election law.

The supreme court has held that "until their successors are qualified" means until they qualify after being elected or appointed pursuant to some provision of the law.

This law does not affect the officers to be elected this spring. The three justices of the peace and the constables whose terms expire this spring are officers of the city and are to be elected at the same time as city officers. Last fall, justices of the peace and constables were elected for the country districts.

1,514 MEN REGISTERED.

But Eighty Women Have Their Names on the Books.

The total registration up to last night was 1,514 men and 80 women. It is a rather small showing, although there is yet more than a month in which to register, as the books do not close until 11 o'clock on the evening of March 27. This registration by wards is as follows:

Ward	Men	Women
First ward	203	20
Second ward	225	19
Third ward	281	11
Fourth ward	296	12
Fifth ward	195	5
Sixth ward	161	4
Totals	1,514	80

Two years ago the total registration was 1,057, with 6,546 men and 4,041 women registered, and it is expected that the total registration this year will be nearly 14,000 persons.

STOLE LADY'S PURSE.

Woman Robbed of Her Purse at Santa Fe Depot.

Lizzie Campbell, who arrived here at 2:47 yesterday afternoon from Newkirk, was placed in a very embarrassing position shortly after her arrival by some thief who got away with her pocketbook. Miss Campbell lives in Ohio and after a visit in Oklahoma came to this city yesterday to visit with the family of W. Johnston, who lives on Hydraulic avenue.

She was in the waiting room of the Santa Fe depot and thoughtfully left her pocketbook upon the seat by her side. When she looked for it a few moments later it was gone and numerous inquiries failed to lead her to it.

The pocketbook was a large black leather purse and contained two five-dollar bills and some change and checks for two bills. It also held several cards with the name Lizzie Crawford, Oklahoma City, upon them and several notes that would serve to identify the purse. The thief who took the pocketbook made good his escape and Mrs. Crawford was very much embarrassed by the circumstance.

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